

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 11 as follows:

Figure 3 is a representation showing the genomic nucleotide sequence of DHBV (SEQ ID NO: 5).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 13 as follows:

Figure 4 is a representation showing provides the amino acid sequences of the L (SEQ ID NO: 7) and the S (SEQ ID NO: 13) polypeptides of DHBV. Start sites are underlined and stop sites are starred (*).